

“Perpetual Starter Flock Program”



**“Learn by doing,
and
Earn while learning!”**

A program initiated by Utah sheep producers with the intent to encourage and assist young people to enter the sheep, wool, and sheep dairy industries and help sustain this important food and fiber industry and our American culture.

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The Utah Wool Growers
Association**

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Got Sheep? Want Sheep? Get A Starter Sheep Flock! The Utah Wool Growers Association will be giving away a starter flock to qualified individuals. The qualified recipients will receive the animals this year.

Each recipient will receive five (5) ewes! These ewes will be yearlings or two-year olds, depending upon the breed and area of production interest. The recipients will also receive \$250.00 dollars buying credit to use at IFA, C-A-L Ranch, or Steve Regan for the procurement of basic sheep supplies.

Interest in breeding sheep on the farm and at sales are rising. These sheep are very manageable for youth with their medium frame size, docile temperament and easy fitting requirements. The biggest advantage of sheep over cattle is their productivity potential and multiple birthing abilities within normal production cycles.

Recipients of the **"Perpetual Starter Flock Program"** will be recognized at the Utah Wool Growers Association annual convention is held in late November, early December of each year in Salt Lake City, UT.

Vocational Agriculture (FFA) instructors at Utah high schools are also permitted to apply for their high school to have a "Perpetual Starter Flock" for instructional and hands-on programs. Vo Ag teachers, be sure to so indicate on your application form when submitting to the UWGA headquarters, or you may contact the UWGA Executive Secretary in advance of submitting your application for any other questions or clarification needs.

Individuals between the ages of 12 and 25 years of age interested in applying, we encourage you to read the attached **"Application Form"** in detail. It is also suggested that you research the sheep breeds, both purebred and commercial range sheep under this program. Feel free to contact the Utah Wool Growers Association, a breeder, or a professional with Utah State University, i.e. Extension Agent in your area for more information. If you fit the requirements mentioned above and would like to start or add sheep genetics, we want to help. Whether you own a flock, or are just wishing to start one, this **"Perpetual Starter Flock Program"** can be an excellent opportunity. Don't delay, **"Application Forms"** should be postmarked by **August 31, 2007**



Utah Wool Growers Association

"Perpetual Starter Flock Program" - Application Form



Goal:

To provide individuals, 12-25 years of age (as of December 31, 2007) years of age an opportunity to start his/her flock with registered or commercial sheep provided through the Utah Wool Growers Association from member flocks within the State of Utah.

Rewards :

Winner will receive five (5) yearling or five (5) two-year old ewes, depending if selected for purebred or commercial range sheep..

Winner will also receive \$250.00 buying credit to be used at his/her discretion at IFA, C-A-L Ranch, or Steve Regan for procurement of basic sheep supplies.

Requirements:

1. Be involved in 4-H, FFA, attending an agricultural college or university or just desirous of becoming involved with the American sheep and wool industry. (Note: You do not have to be a member of the above youth organizations or be attending college.)
2. Must be between the ages of 12-25 (as of December 31, 2007)
3. Attend the 2007 Utah Wool Growers Association annual meetings, prepare and set up a poster type display for viewing by the UWGA membership of their starter flock and specific plans within the sheep and wool industry.
4. Attend the 2007 Utah Wool Growers Association awards banquet at the annual meetings. A complimentary banquet ticket will be provided by the UWGA.
5. Attend the annual Utah Wool Growers Association, Mountain States Meat Goat Association, and Utah State University jointly sponsored Sheep and Goat Education Day.
6. Accept mentoring from UWGA member with regards to the ram breeding deployment for the starter flock.
7. Write and submit a one page essay (questions on application).
8. Submit a letter of recommendation with application.
9. If under 18 years of age, submit a letter of support and endorsement from parent or legal guardian.
10. Become a member of the Utah Wool Growers Association too.
11. Attend the Utah State Ram Sale and assist with it's function at Spanish Fork, UT.
12. If recipient of a commercial range sheep starter flock, must be willing to spend a minium of 1 day with mentor's range lambing operation and assist.
13. Each year for five (5) years, the recipient will be expected to return one (1) yearling ewe, or at the end of five (5) years a baloon payment of five (5) breeding ewes back to the UWGA Starter Flock Program in order to perpetuate and support the ongoing effort of this program for sheep and wool production sustainability within the State of Utah.
14. Be present at the assigned date for distribution and deployment of yearling or two-year old ewes to the "Perpetual Starter Flock" selected recipients. Distribution will be no later than October 15th in the year selected.

By signing below I understand the above requirements as well as the financial requirements and time commitment of owning livestock.

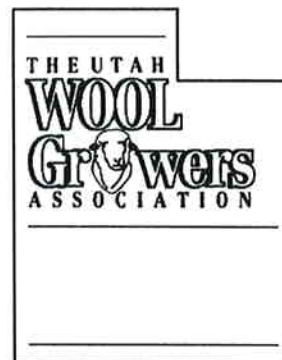
Signature _____ Parent(s) signature (if under 18 years of age) _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____ Email _____

How did you learn about this program?



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Essay :

Along with entry, create an essay (minimum of one page) to include but not limited to:

- A. Why are you interested in receiving a **UWGA "Perpetual Starter Flock"**.
- B. What are your goals in the sheep, wool, and sheep dairy industries.
- C. Describe your current flock, if any.
- D. Describe your buildings/facilities.
- E. How can you help represent the UWGA and it's producer members.
- F. ***Applications must be typed and postmarked by August 31, 2007***

Send ALL "Application Forms" to:

Mr. Reed Balls, Executive Secretary,

The Utah Wool Growers Association

2402 W. 4700 S.,

Roy, UT 84067

Please send all entries by U.S. Postal Service.

G. Should you need to contact The Utah Wool Growers Association office with questions about this program, you may contact the office of the Executive Secretary, Mr. Reed Balls as follows:

(801) 569-1642 [Tel]

(801) 641-3947 [Cell]

mrbsheep@comcast.net [email]

H. You may also contact Dr. Lyle G. McNeal, Sheep and Wool Specialist at Utah State University, Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences Department, Logan, UT 84322-4815 for "*Perpetual Starter Flock Program*" assistance as well. Dr. McNeal's office phone number is (435) 797-2150, or email **sheepman@cc.usu.edu**

